

SOON START WORK ON LE CLAIRE DAM

GOVERNMENT WILL BEGIN PROJECT WHEN FROST IS OUT OF THE GROUND.

Camp Completed, With Modern Equipment—Estimated It Will Take Six Years to Finish.

Work on the longitudinal dam and locks which will make it possible for boats to pass around the Le Claire rapids instead of navigating that treacherous, racing stretch of water, known to pilots as the most perilous in all the Mississippi's length, has been begun by the government. A camp has been built west of Le Claire which has its own sewage system, lighting plant, waterworks, ice house, commissary kitchen and administrative building. In addition to bunk houses capable of holding 150 men, which will be about the number employed on the project during the coming summer.

The government is prepared to receive the building of the longitudinal dam and locks, which constitute a part of the staffed channel project from St. Louis to Minneapolis, just as soon as the last ice goes out of the river and the frost leaves the ground.

If the government would proceed in its river and harbor work in the way that would appeal to a private corporation, the dam and locks could probably be completed in two years and certainly in not more than three. But the government engineers estimate that the Le Claire dam and locks will take six years to construct, as the rapid appropriation for river and harbor work on the upper Mississippi as well as elsewhere, will permit the construction of only \$250,000 a year on this project.

Six Years to Complete.

As the entire cost of the project is figured at \$1,500,000, it is apparent that at the estimated rate of appropriation it will take at least six years before every cent will be able to furnish the Le Claire dam and lock by day or night around that bad stretch of water.

The first year's work on the longitudinal dam and lock contemplates the building of a cofferdam from just below Le Claire to the mouth of Brimley creek. The purpose of the right of way must be arranged and there is a good deal of drilling and work awaiting to be done. After work is once begun it will be continued straight through the winter.

The second year of work will be devoted to dry excavating in the bottom of the first cofferdam, where there is about fifteen feet of rock to be removed in order to obtain a stable channel for shipping.

During the third year steam shovel excavating will be completed and the rock removed will be used on the longitudinal dam which will extend from just below Le Claire to the east end of Smith's island, a distance of more than two miles. The top of the longitudinal dam will be paved and certain portions of the rock foundation on the west side of Smith's island and opposite this end of Smith's island on the lower side will be removed. At the end of the third year the work should be completed, according to plans, down to the locks and dam at the west end of Smith's island.

The fourth and fifth years will be devoted to the building of a dam from the west end of Smith's island to the lower side. A cofferdam will be constructed so that locks similar to those at Millport, which make it possible to lock around the Rock river chain of rapids, can be installed. The work will conclude in the sixth year with the building of the locks along the lower side and the construction of earthen levees and a controlling and power house.

Navigate at Night.
The undertaking is a big one, but, according to river men, it will mean a great deal to shipping. At present the government restrictions with reference to navigating the Le Claire chain are very stringent. A special pilot must be engaged to run boats through these rapids in the day time and between sundown and sunrise boats are forbidden to pass through the rapids. The penalties for violation of the regulations are severe.

With the removal of freight transportation on the Mississippi the Le Claire rapids, which, as stated, are considered to be the worst spot on the river, would impose a severe handicap upon commerce passing along the upper river. With the longitudinal dam constructed and the proposed locks in operation, it will be possible to run by the Le Claire chain at any and all times under no further restrictions than are now imposed upon shipping using the Millport locks.

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GEORGE VON L. MEYER REBUKES PRESIDENT



George von L. Meyer.

Washington, March 10.—That the safety of the Panama canal depends on our military and naval resources and that "the president has shown great lack of foresight" in opposing an investigation of the unpreparedness of the country for possible war, are two statements made by George von L. Meyer, secretary of the navy under President Taft, in a letter to Congressman A. P. Gardner of Massachusetts.

"For the past 15 years," Mr. Meyer writes, "Congress has appropriated over \$1,500,000,000 for the United States navy, which is more than that of any other country during the same period, with the exception of Great Britain. The amount was sufficient, if wisely expended, to have furnished us with a navy second only to that of England. As a matter of fact, we shall this year fall to the fourth position as to naval power."

"Furthermore, our navy is unbalanced. It is short of officers and men. It is deficient in many kinds of ships and we are without any cruisers which combine speed, range and armament. The value and importance of these capital ships as to commerce have been fully demonstrated in the present war."

"We are lacking in torpedoes, mines and ammunition, and are practically without any armed air ships or aeroplanes, but particularly are we unfortunate in our organization of the navy, which is absolutely untrained and incapable of going on to a war basis without the previous completion and completion. A war preparedness and a battle efficiency of the fleet is not the goal that is being sought, and can never be reached under the present organization of the navy and the existing method of appropriating funds. An unprepared navy is worse than none, for it delivers the nation into a feeling of security which does not exist."

"The United States possesses a navy for the purpose of protecting the country from invasion and thus secure peace, and as safeguard its interest overseas. Either in possession or in trade. In addition, so long as we maintain the Monroe doctrine the United States must stand ready to defend Central and South America from invasion. Now, the Monroe doctrine is as strong as the fleet and as strong as the fleet."

"The Panama canal being completed, the safety from attack depends upon our military and navy resources. We must realize that the canal would become one of the great prizes in the event of war.
"Taking all of these matters into consideration, with the vast expenditures of uncollected money for national defense and the unsatisfactory conditions that exist, and appreciating that until this is rectified by the voters and taxpayers of our country, Congress cannot be allowed to handle action in the way of necessary reforms. I feel that the president has shown great lack of foresight in opposing your resolution calling for a special committee to be appointed to examine and report on the conditions and preparedness of our army and navy."

"It is this knowledge which our people have a right to possess, and it was undemocratic and a misuse of power on the part of the president to prevent that information being obtained and given to the public.
"The impression exists among many that the agitation that is now going on is a movement for greater appropriations for the navy. This does not necessarily follow, for if the money appropriated during the past 15 years had been employed and spent under an efficient organization, the vessel of military efficiency, only the amount would have been more than ample to have furnished us with the second navy of the world."

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The Rock Island National bank, located at Rock Island, in the State of Illinois, is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the association are hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment.

H. E. CASTELL, President.

Dated at Rock Island, Illinois, this 3rd day of March, A. D. 1915.—(Adv.)

Democratic Caucus.

A caucus of democratic voters is called for March 12 at 8 p. m. at Turner hall for the purpose of naming a township ticket and transacting any other business that may properly come up for consideration.

HERT CORKEN, Chairman.

(Adv.) MAX HARTER, Secretary.

Taxpayers' Notice.

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members of congress protecting the army and navy officials.

But let us see whether General Crozier's clearance papers were "absolutely" clear, as stated to the house. I quote the following from the official records of the senate committee on military affairs, to which body the nomination of General Crozier was referred for consideration:

"March 27, 1902 (p. 23): Called the attention of the committee to the nominations of Crozier, Davis, Gillespie, and others incident thereto, and after some discussion by the committee it was agreed that the committee would meet at 10:30, Thursday, April 2, to consider this matter, with a view of making a final disposition thereof."

"April 3, 1902 (p. 24): Nominations of Crozier, Gillespie, Davis, et al. taken up for consideration."

"Nomination of General Crozier ordered reported adversely by a vote of 8 to 2."

"Senators present on that day and voting: Hawley, Proctor, Burrows, Quarles, Scott, Foraker, Bates, Cockrell, Pettus and Harris."

"April 24, 1902 (p. 29): The question of the nomination of General Crozier came up for careful consideration, and it was agreed that an investigation of certain alleged charges be conducted by the full committee, of which five shall constitute a quorum. The motion was carried. It was further agreed that all these hearings should be reported."

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